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THE FUTURE

Tis well enough to brag and boast,  
But men who really do the most  
Sit very still.  
They're very conscious all the time—  
Tomorrow they will have to climb  
Another hill.

Not all the little dreams come true  
Make up for deeds they want to do.

Achievement is a pleasant thing,  
But there's no end to conquering,

And wise men see  
That what is done, however fair,  
Can not in any way compare

With what's to be.

And wise men's thoughts are ever turned  
On secrets that are still unlearned.

I praise my skillful surgeon's hand,  
"So much you've come to understand,"

To him I say.

And then he smiles and whispers low:

"The things I really want to know  
Lie far away.

You think I've learned a lot, but oh,  
There is so much I do not know."

—Edgar A. Guest.

In the Reign of Cotton on the Nile

Cotton is concerned in two important events in Africa. Though the events have taken place on the same river, the Nile, they occur 1300 miles from each other.

In the pie-shaped sector of Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, whose sides are outlined by the Blue Nile and White Nile meeting at Khartum, the cotton acreage has been increased from 20,000 to 300,000 acres. A two-mile dam at Sennar on the Blue Nile has just been completed. It creates a lake 50 miles long, capable of satisfying the thirst of 2,800 miles of irrigation canals. Yet 300,000 acres is less than 1 percent of United States' cotton-producing area.

While the country of the upper Nile is going in for cotton, the Nile delta, 1300 miles away, is preparing to restrict cotton growing. The Government has ordered that not more than one-third of the arable land be planted with cotton. It will be Egypt's most important crop.

The two events direct attention to the changes man is bringing to the Nile valley. Yet they also show the limits which geography has fixed on the expansion of man's activities in the "cradle of civilization."

It is necessary, therefore, for the Government to enact stringent regulations concerning the use of this land. Tobacco growing is prohibited.

Farming land is much too precious to be used for luxuries, especially for such soil-robbing luxuries as tobacco.

Egypt has many cigarette factories and its cigarette makers are skilled in curing and blending tobacco. These factories obtain the leaf elsewhere, generally from the Levant, or from the islands of the Aegean archipelago.

Egypt, as has so often been said, is the "gift of the Nile." The life of the country, its trade, its foreign contacts, and even the character of its inhabitants have been molded to meet the capacities and the whims of this great stream. No country in the world is so dependent on a river.

While the Nile brought many gifts to the ancient Egyptians, it was far from a perfectly behaved river. Usually it spilled over its banks once a year, flooded the adjacent lowlands and left new layers of highly fertile soil for the year's crops. Then the Egyptians brought thanksgiving offerings to their gods. At other times the river was low. Crops were burnt up by the pitiless glare of the sun before the life-giving water could be brought to them. Still again the Nile was a raging flood driving all before it.

Irrigation work developed by the English, however, have made large-scale plantings possible to-day. Great dams and barrages thrown across the Nile valley hold the spring rains of the southern mountains, and distribute them more evenly throughout the year. Under

SEATTLE

European leadership and ingenuity, Egypt has progressed in agriculture from a rather forbidding land, farmed only when naturally fertile, to a smiling ribbon of farms and plantations. Each year additional fingers of irrigation canals reach deeper into the sun-glazed desert. The canals transform it at a touch into luxuriant growths of green and russet vegetations.

Lines of railroads rails are following in the wake of water canals, in order that crops may be carried to market easily. Egypt already possesses 3,000 miles of railroads, extending along the Mediterranean coast and up the Nile to the first Cataract. Its railroads are connected with the railway systems of Europe and Asia by a line across the Sinai Peninsula.

Cotton, the commercial staple of the country and the subject of the new restriction, is the foundation and backbone of the prosperity which English administration brought to Egypt. The Nile Delta was found to be one of the most favorable cotton-growing regions in the world. Cotton planters and retailers of Egypt claim that their product is the finest in the world. Egyptian cotton is cream-colored or brownish, while American is white. It is said to be more silky than that of the southern States. However, the seeds of many of the best Egyptian types are developed from those America plants, including the celebrated Sea-Island variety.—*Geographic News Bulletin*.

THE COST OF AN INSULT

When W. K. Vanderbilt was the financial king of America, one day a poorly dressed but clean looking young man stepped into his office with a bundle under his arm. Approaching the rich man, he said, "Mr. Vanderbilt, I have an invention here which I should like to sell you."

"I have no time for fools," curtly answered Vanderbilt, and pointed to the door. But that rude remark to an unprromising young man that day, cost Vanderbilt more millions than he ever got together during his whole life. The young man was George Westinghouse, inventor of the Westinghouse Air Brake; and he expected to sell the patent for ten thousand dollars. And yet the invention made Westinghouse and his company more money than the combined Vanderbilt fortunes.

It is also true that an insult cost Napoleon his empire. When Napoleon had about conquered Europe, and was making plans to invade England, Robert Fulton approached him with his plan for steam navigation. He wanted to sell his invention to Napoleon, but this supregeot spurned the offer and drove Fulton from his presence.

With such a wonderful invention in his possession, Napoleon could have constructed a fleet of steamers that would have maintained his power in Europe and possibly subjugated England.

When John Wanamaker was building up his great business enterprise in Philadelphia, he had in employ a smart young man as traveling salesman. Mr. Wanamaker had never seen the young man before. One day, when coming into Philadelphia from a trip, he observed an old gentleman leaning against the Wanamaker building. Taking him to be some manial doing the rough work around the building, he commanded him rather harshly to take his traveling bags out of the carriage and show him to the office of Mr. Wanamaker. The old gentleman obeyed without a word, took the bags and led the young man to the elevator. Reaching the fourth floor, the two stepped out of the elevator into Wanamaker's office. The old gentleman went to his desk, and looking up said, "Young man, present your account. I want to give you a check. This company can't use you any longer." The "old gentleman" was Mr. Wanamaker himself.

Alfred C. Goetz is home from the State School for the holidays, and looking well, though he has lost some of the tan that covered him last fall. Today, he and Harod Arntzen are going with Mr. W. S. Hunter to the latter's summer cabin at Port Angeles. There they will take a rest of several days, perhaps plant trees on the place.

Dr. Hanson spent the week-end just passed at Portland and Vancouver, where he held services. Sunday morning, he was at the State School, and told those pupils who had not gone home, about forty-five in number, the immortal old story of Dickens' "Christmas Carol." They had had a part of this story in a play a few days before, and were pleased to see it all told in signs.

Marion Bertram was recently placed on the star team in hockey. She played left half back.

Alfred Goetz desiring the Frat emblem with which to decorate his Christmas greeting cards, had Dr.

Hanson make the drawing for him and Mr. Bertram the cuts. He did the printing himself, and got out a neat and tasteful card.

THE HANSONS.

Dec. 27, 1928.

CANNOT DO WITHOUT THE SIGN-LANGUAGE

The best friends the deaf have, when it comes to the support of the sign-language, are the priests who know the deaf. They make no bones about advocating the use of the sign-language as the natural language of the deaf. Without it, preaching to the deaf would be impossible. A Catholic priest, the Rev. Dan D. Higgins, C. S. S. R., of Kirkwood, Mo., has written a book entitled "How to Talk to the Deaf." It is a manual of the sign-language, with hundreds of illustrations.

There are schools for the deaf where the manual method (the partial use of signs) is used, because certain of the pupils are unable to make any progress under other methods of instruction. It is a well-known fact that many pupils who have been dismissed from school, where only the oral method is used, as incapable of instruction have done very well when transferred to a school where the manual method is used.

In the light of the fact that even in the public schools there are classes for speech defectives for children who can hear, it is no wonder that it is impossible to instruct all children who are stone deaf by the oral method. Years are wasted, in many cases, in an attempt to teach the child a few words. So much time is wasted that often pupils fourteen years of age in the oral schools have the education of a child of six who can hear.

By the use of the method best suited to the child as used in the "combined system" schools, oralism, manual alphabet or signs, a child with average intelligence is assured of an education.

Experience has shown that every one who wishes to work for the deaf to the best advantage must know the sign-language. With pupils of oral schools, lip reading can be used to a certain extent in personal conversation, but the sign-language always comes in handy when an unfamiliar word is spoken.

The sign-language is a universal language, understood by all races and in every country.

The brokers of the stock exchange have their own sign-language, where a mistake would involve thousands of dollars.

The train men at the end of a long string of cars can signal by signs to the engineer.

The automobile drivers have their own code of signs. The Indians used sign-language for communication between tribes speaking a different language. The preacher in the pulpit adds emphasis to his sermon by using signs, and he street gamin knows the utter contempt he can express by thumbing his nose. In the witness box in the court room many a witness has halted in his testimony on seeing the "death sign" made by some one in a corner of the court room.

It is all very well for the oralists to say that "the sign-language must go," but as long as signs are so useful to the world at large, they will continue to exist.

The sign-language is a beautiful language in the hands of the deaf who know how to use it. Soul-thrilling lectures have been delivered by its use. Songs and hymns gain an added charm when recited by one who knows his signs, just as a trained singer can hold an audience spellbound by the beauty of his voice. With out its use, sermons and lectures would be impossible for the deaf.

"More and better signs," is a watchword that should be remembered by all interested. To this end it is hoped that hereafter schools for the deaf which have summer schools for teachers will add a course in sign-language. But have a teacher who "knows his signs." —Catholic Deaf-Mute.

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Seattle, First and Third Sunday at St. Mark's

Canadian News

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TORONTO TIDINGS

Mrs. A. C. Shepherd went down to spend Christmas with her son, at the Belleville School.

The Misses Lucy and Caroline Buchan came up from the Belleville School on December 21st, and the former left on December 23d, to spend the Yuletide holidays with her mother and sister in Walkerville.

In the meantime, Caroline remained with her brother, John, and other relatives here.

The boys who work in the post office had a very strenuous time for a week preceding Christmas, combating the tidal wave of Yuletide mail that came and went in tons by the thousands, but now they heave a sigh of relief in the happy contention that it is over for another year.

Mrs. Gerald P. O'Brien left on December 24th, for her parental home in Peterboro, to enjoy her Christmas frolic with Ye old folks at home, and reported grand time.

Mr. Harry Sloane, of Churchill, was full of smiles as he bobbed up in our midst on December 23d, being the guest of Frank Peirce during his stay here.

"Lost and Found" was the subject that Mr. Charles A. Elliott, very wisely defined at our church on December 23d, pointing out that those who had no belief in God would never see the joy and light of perpetual happiness, otherwise they would find the way to eternal love and peace. Mrs. F. E. Doyle rendered a beautiful ChristmasCarol.

Frank E. Harris hied away to Simcoe to share his Christmas dinner with his mother, Mrs. George Awford.

Mr. Ernest Hackbush made off for Hamilton to enjoy his Christmas in that city.

On December 29th, Miss Annabel Thomson left on the noon "Inter City Limited" for Ottawa, where she enjoyed the New Year's recess with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brigham. This was her first visit to our Canadian Capital and no wonder she was interested in all she saw.

Miss Alma Brown left on December 22d, for her parental home in Markdale, where she enjoyed the whole Yuletide vacation with the home folks on the farm. She returned to our midst on January 3d.

We are glad to say that the children of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Grooms, who have been ill with the "flu," are now out and around again.

Just as these items are being sent off word comes that our valued and beloved interpreter, Mrs. J. R. Byrne, has fallen a victim to the "Flu" and is under the doctor's care with a nurse in attendance. We sincerely hope she will soon be around again.

There was no meeting of our Epworth League, on December 26th, owing to it being the day after Christmas, when many would be celebrating the anniversary of the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem.

We understand that Jack Stein took a trip to Montreal for Christmas eats and fun.

We are pleased to report that Miss Annie Perry, Canada's grand old deaf lady, who was very ill lately, is able to be up again. At one time her case was very grave and, with her great age against her, much anxiety was felt, but her stamina held the "fort."

Four new outside stations have been added to our list, to which we will send speakers every month or so. Two of them, St. Thomas and Oshawa, will be opened at once, while the other two will reopen as soon as spring rolls around. They are Cobourg and Beldewley.

According to the new 1929 list of our outside station appointments, the following speakers go out during the month of January. Charles A. Elliott to Aurora on the 20th, Norman Gleadow to Brantford on the 20th, J. R. Byrne to Hamilton on the 27th, H. W. Roberts to Kitchener on the 27th, Fred W. Terrell to London on the 20th, J. R. Byrne to Oshawa on the 20th, and Howard J. Lloyd to St. Thomas on the 27th. Our friends will kindly remember the dates and turn out in force.

Several of the deaf here, who live with their parents or have homes of their own, gave Christmas eve parties to some of their friends and in every case a good time was spent.

Mr. George W. Reeves is very proud of his father's longevity. This venerable old gentleman is enjoying the eventide of his earthly existence in good spirits in Lindsay, counting on enjoying his ninety-eighth birthday soon.

Mr. John B. Stewart went up to Hamilton to enjoy Christmas with his sisters in the "Ambitious City."

It was always the custom for our late beloved Mr. Robert Mathison to come over to our service every Sunday preceding Christmas to extend his warmest greetings to all his old boys and girls, but now as he has gone to receive the Eternal Greetings, his two beloved daughters are now keeping up his custom, and on Sunday, December 23d, Miss Annie Mathison was at our church mingling with us, and shaking hands right and left. Her sister, Miss Bella Mathison, was slightly indisposed and regretted her inability to be with us then. Mr. Mathison's memory still lingers with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Baskerville went up to Aurora to share their Christmas with the former's parents. Their sister, Miss Beulah Wilson, also went along with them.

Mr. and Mrs. John Buchan entered a bunch of friends to their home for a 6 o'clock dinner on Christmas day, and it was a very jolly bunch.

The table was artistically decorated with candle and garlands of every hue, that made the whole scene look redolent with beauty and cheerfulness.

While at our service on December 23d, Mr. Peter McDougall and his deaf sister, Mrs. Colin McLean received word by wire that their mother was very ill at her home in Limoges. Peter and his sister left at once on the midnight flier for their parent's bedside, but at time of writing we have not heard how their mother is. However, we hope she is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. James Tate motored out to Hamilton to partake of the Christmas dinner with the latter's parents.

We regret to say that Miss Margaret Bowen, who came down from Cookstown a few weeks ago, to assist Mrs. E. Grooms in her household duties was suddenly stricken by the "flu" and taken to the General Hospital, on December 22d, where she is improving nicely as these items are sent off. I am too bad she was not able to enjoy Christmas in the usual mirthful way.

Mrs. O'Brien, mother of Mr. Gerald P. O'Brien left at the end of the old year for Detroit, where she will visit her son and other relatives for a while.

The electric blower, which generates the heat from our church furnace, went out of commission on December 22d and though our church manager, Mr. Frank Moore, spent that day and all night in a frantic effort to get it working order for Sunday, it could not be righted in time, and as a result those who went to church on December 23d, were obliged to don their heavy coats throughout the service, but fortunately not many were there, a lot having left the city for Christmas.

The blower has now been repaired.

By a lucky chance, Miss Alma Brown boarded the 5:20 p.m. Owen Sound train at the Union Station on December 22d, thinking she would be traveling alone all the way up to Markdale, but Miss Helen A. Middleton boarded the same train at West Toronto, and how congenial did both kill the long weary hours as they went together, until they parted at Shelburne, Miss Brown going alone a few stations further up.

Your reporter now enters upon his ninth year as continuous correspondent to the good old JOURNAL, and hopes to stick to it as long as God will permit. It may interest some to know how he first got his reportorial inspiration many years ago. It was when

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"He's true to God who's true to man;  
Whenever wrong is done  
To the humblest and the weakest  
'Neath the all-holding sun,  
That wrong is also done to us,  
And they are slaves most base,  
Whose love of right is for themselves,  
And not for all the race."

Notice concerning the whereabouts of individuals will be charged at the rate of ten cents a line.

The subjoined is taken from the letter recently sent in by our Buffalo correspondent:

Thomas Hunt, accompanied by Messrs Ratajczak, Connor and Murphy, motored in his new Ford sedan to Syracuse last month \* \* \* They say they broke the records on the return trip, but we are not sure of the exact time made."

While no one will question the pride that the above deaf men take in negotiating the distance in record time, the uninitiated will question the wisdom of the speeders and have doubts about the safety feature of such a rapid pace by a driver, or drivers of an auto who did not possess the sense of hearing. Making the road safe for themselves is not the only consideration. The safety of the other motorists is involved, and although our deaf friends got through quickly and safely, it might have been otherwise. The general welfare is of far more importance than any selfish exultation.

Had there been an accident, they would undoubtedly have been deprived of their licenses to drive a car. Not only would they suffer, but a prejudice against all deaf drivers would be created and might result in the revocation of all licenses issued to those who are deaf.

It is well known that the public does not discriminate when deaf people are concerned. "All coons look alike," and all deaf people are regarded in the same way. If one who is deaf sells alphabet cards "to accumulate cash to go to a school," the public gets tender-hearted and helps him along; not knowing that education of the deaf, like that of the hearing, is paid for by the State, or the city, as the case may be. The deafness usually is a pretense, and the alphabet card seller a fakir, but the scheme enlists the sympathy of the good-hearted and credulous, to the everlasting disgust of bona fide deaf-mutes.

Commissioner of Motor Vehicles Hartnett has shown a very intelligent and friendly attitude towards the deaf, and it is the height of folly to "get in bad" with him through the thoughtlessness and carelessness of a few.

The only safe course for deaf drivers is to observe most diligently all rules and regulations, to scrupulously obey every injunction and observe and heed every traffic signal, and in no case travel beyond the speed limit that is enjoined from all danger approaches along the highway of travel.

MANY in the profession of teaching the deaf will recall the visit of Dr. Andres Hansen to many of the Institutions of the United States and his serious study of methods, facilities and results, of education in this country. He is head of the Denmark School for the Deaf at Nyborg. He writes that he is glad to receive the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL every week, which enables him to note the happenings and progress of the adult deaf of our nation.

In a note to the New York Times, Miss Elizabeth F. Gallaudet writes:

"It may interest readers to know that for several years past at St. Ann's Church for the Deaf, 511 West 148th Street, a vested choir renders the hymns in beautiful rhythmic signs, so graphic that all can understand them. This service is held every Sunday at 3 P.M."

**The Capital City**

On Sunday, December 30th, at 3 P.M., Rev. H. L. Tracy preached a sermon on "Drifting." He pleaded that we must stand by our church, be ours through life to live in her. He then read his annual mission work report, for the year of 1928, which will be given to the Bishop.

A special business meeting of St. Barnabas' Mission was held at the Parish House of St. Mark's Church, after the service, Sunday afternoon, December 30th. Some important business was transacted.

The service of the Calvary Baptist Mission was in the Prayer Meeting Room on Sunday evening, December 30th. Mr. W. P. Souder was in charge of the services, Rev. A. D. Bryant being detained at home by illness, though much better.

Mr. Souder gave a talk on the story of "Three Wise Men," which was interesting.

Miss Jennie Jones rendered a Processional Hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers." Her gestures were beautiful and clear. It is hoped she will give us another rendition in the near future. Miss Nora Nannay signed "Ring Out, Old Year."

Mrs. Mildred Raymond, a hearing sister of Mrs. Ward, of New York City, took charge of the Christmas "at home" for little ones, from 5 to 6 o'clock on Sunday evening, December 30th, in the Primary room of the Sunday School house. Mrs. Raymond is a fluent deaf signer. Her husband is tenor of the Baptist quartet.

It has just been learned that the deaf friends of Rev. H. L. Tracy in Charleston and Wheeling, W. Va., remembered him with a handsome sum of money on Christmas, which will enable him to purchase much-needed church goods to be used in his missionary work. Mr. Tracy counts his friends by the score all over his field.

Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Tracy were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wood on New Year's Day, at their home on Eighteenth Street, Southeast, were also Miss Bessie Moss and her mother, of Baltimore. Miss Moss was on her way to resume her duties as a teacher at the South Carolina School for the Deaf at Cedar Spring, she having been spending her Christmas vacation at her home. By the way, Mr. Wood was formerly lay-reader of St. Barnabas' Mission but on account of night work at the Government Printing Office, he had to resign, much to the regret of the congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Eller, who were in the city for the holidays, visiting the latter's sister, left on December 31st, for Romney, W. Va., to spend a few days with the Seaton's, before returning home to Parkersburg, W. Va.

Mrs. W. P. Souder, who has been spending her holidays with her mother in North Carolina, is expected home this week.

A business meeting of the Ladies' Guild of St. Barnabas' Mission was held at the home of Mrs. Colby, on the night of January 3d. Mrs. P. R. Verney entertained them with refreshments.

Gallaudet's "Big Blue" quint humbled the Flint Silents, a team composed of former college stars, hailing from Flint, Mich., in the Kendall Green gymnasium.

There was a waltz contest, the winners being Mr. Julius Castelline and Miss Gertrude Sallop.

Led by Cosgrove and Drapiwski, the "Big Blue," with a fast-passing attack that gave them many open shots under the basket, had little trouble in piling up a lead at the outset.

Mrs. C. C. COLBY.

**SILENT ELECTION**

At a meeting of the Shore Silent Club of New Jersey, Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen J. Dundon, Belmar, the following officers were elected: President, William P. May; vice president, Mr. Dundon; secretary, C. Alvin Tresscott; treasurer, Harold Forestal; sergeant-at-arms, Rocco Naples. The new committee consists of John Pisache, Sr., Mrs. Stephen Dundon and Jerry Newman.

Among the guests who enjoyed a New Year's eve party that followed were: Jerry Newman, Dorothy Thompson, Eleanor Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown, John R. Dundon, Edith Dundon, Russell S. Dundon, Russell W. Brown, of Belmar; Miss Eleanor Dwyer, of Red Bank; Mr. and Mrs. John Pesache, Sr., of Passaic; William P. May, of New York; Harold Forestal, of Asbury Park; C. Alvin Tresscott, of Long Branch; Mr. and Mrs. Rocco Naples, of Bradely Beach.—Asbury Park Evening Press, January 3.

**BOSTON**

Come to think of it, Boston certainly is growing in both size and popularity. Such was proved by the largest attendance possible at the Frat Ball on December 29th.

The hall, though large, was filled to a capacity of about three hundred persons.

The writer and others present were pleased to make the acquaintance of Mr. Emanuel Souweine, of New York. Other out-of-town visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Max Miller, New York; Messrs. Israel Saltzman, Abe Cohen, and Miss Bella Bromson, of Providence, R. I. Mr. A. Carlysle, of New Hampshire, was also among those present.

Then there were two very honored guests from Oklahoma, Indian Joe Davis, White Eagle and his companion, Black Eagle. They were dressed in their native costumes and gave excellent interpretations of their War Dance, two-bugled Indian call, and Indian Davis gave a splendid exhibition with the lariat. They were employed by the Miller Bros. 101 Wild West Show, but this winter they are taking up an education in spiritual advice, and will return to their jobs in the spring.

The night was ideal, very cold and clear, so the floor was filled with perspiring Terpsichorians and their Shebae. Ice-cream was served on the mezzanine floor. Mr. Souweine amused all with his anecdotes of New York. Then at almost the conclusion of the evening's entertainment, the people were presented with a comedy farce entitled "Breakfast for Two," starring Elizabeth Hayes and Colin McCord, of Lowell.

It was the story of a wife, who after five years of married life, allowed herself to fall into slovenly, unkempt appearance every morning, much to the grief and dislike of the fussy and easily irritated husband. But, after agreeing to a companionatelike maintenance of different homes and only meeting once a week for breakfast, they find that nature's tricks are hard to believe, and all ends well.

Then there was the Open House on the next day, with an excellent cafeteria maintained by the Aux-Frats. Speeches were made by several present, the most excellent being that of Mr. Souweine. Staggering the people with his declaration, that when he was in his twenties, he visited Boston (fifty years ago) only to return to find most of his friends dead. It was hard for all to believe that he is now over seventy years, as he has the appearance and mannerism of a man no less than fifty.

On New Year's evening, again the Frats held their New Year's Frolic from 8 P.M. to 2 A.M. Dancing, games and novelties kept the people very well amused. That concludes the Frat entertainment until some time before or after Lent.

It is with gratitude that the writer thanks those who were present for their conscientious efforts in making the affairs both profitable as well as enjoyable, and hope that we will have the same measure of the co-operation before and the time of the 1931 convention.

The election of officers in the N. F. S. D., Boston Division, No. 35, resulted in the re-election of Mr. Harry Battersby, President; Mr. Moscowitz, Vice-President; and Mr. A. Sinclair, Secretary. The name of the treasurer is not known, due to the serious illness of Allan Meachan, for the past four years treasurer of the society.

Next in the popularity as the drawing card, comes the Boston Hebrew Association of the Deaf, as was provided by the attendance at their successful ball on December 8th. There were many out-of-town visitors on that day too. Though none from New York, there were several from Providence, including Miss Bella Bromson, Mr. Abe Cohen and Mr. Ernest Sargent from Springfield.

There was a waltz contest, the winners being Mr. Julius Castelline and Miss Gertrude Sallop.

All in all, it was a very profitable evening. Though the weather was as miserable as can be imagined, there were over 150 persons present.

Election of officers in the H. A. D., resulted in the unanimous re-election of Louis H. Snyder for President; Mr. Samuel Bachner and Mrs. Joseph Levy, Vice-Presidents; Catherine I. Doren, Secretary; and Mr. Joseph Weinberg, Treasurer.

Mrs. Joseph Levy has gone to Cuba as part of a much-needed rest and vacation. Her mother, Mrs. Max Miller, of New York, is now in Boston with her grandson, Dick, and will stay there until the return of Mrs. Levy, sometime late in January.

Friday night services at the synagogues are attracting the outside deaf. Last Friday, Mr. Snyder's lecture dealt with the "Wisdom of the Ages," the week before on the "Definition of Judaism" by Mr. Bachner, and on the previous week, "The Maccabees" by Miss Doren. Next week, Miss Doren's lecture will be "Faith and Ruth."

The Ladies' Auxiliary had their Annual Sale at Riverbank, on the 8th.

Hearing people assisted in making the receipts of the treasurer grow. We would suggest, however, that the L. A. hold their next Fair somewhere where it is easier to reach, as the place in Danvers is too far out of the way, and

very inconvenient for bargain seekers on wintry and cold days.

We would suggest that the deaf see "The End of St. Petersburg," when it reaches your home town. It is a masterpiece of foreign motion picture art and will thrill you to the core. We won't tell you what it is about. Just go, see, and enjoy yourself.

At this time, the birth of a New Year, when all the vast multitude of people are imbued with the spirit of the Yuletide, I take the opportunity of wishing the readers of the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year, intermingling with Health.

KITTY KAT.

**C CHICAGO**

There was a Christmas entertainment at the Ephphatha Club house Sunday afternoon, December 30th, at 4 o'clock, with a brilliantly lighted stage in the parlor, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Irvine O'Brien, Mrs. A. Latermouille opened the program by giving an eddy dance, followed by Miss Catherine Kilconey singing Christmas Carol. Then Miss Ruth Rushing, a little girl danced the Charleston. After that Thomas Pepin, acting as Santa Claus, appeared and began the distribution of candies and nuts to everyone present.

Rev. Rutherford has just returned from his monthly preaching tour in the western States. In a talk with the writer, he said none of his churchgoers were absent from every place where he preached, considering the spread of influenza.

E. S. Center will hold an annual dance at Alma Mater Hall, Saturday, January 19th, for the benefit of Ephphatha Club fund.

Walter Battersby has just returned from Los Angeles, Cal. He had gone thither looking for employment. He found work, but it did not last long.

Ed. Gadzole, of East Chicago, Ind., a former pupil of the St. Rita High School for Catholic Deaf in Ohio, was visitor at the Ephphatha Club house Sunday, December 30th.

Death came to end the long illness and suffering of Oscar Pearson's father, Friday, December 28th. The deceased was born in Sweden and came over to America with his family when Oscar was two years old. He retired from his long service at the Marshall Field wholesale store on a pension long ago. His remains were interred at Greenwood Cemetery.

Coach R. Weber reports that his basketball team will go to Milwaukee, Wis., Saturday, January 12th, to play a return game with the Milwaukee Silent basketball team, after the latter had come here Saturday, January 5th, to play the Chicago Silent basketball team.

Mrs. Adelia Hill Huggart, mother of Lottie Huggart, died Wednesday morning, December 26th. Funeral services were conducted at her house by Pastor Hasenstab, the Rev. N. V. Luthermann, pastor of the First Brethren Church of South Bend, on Friday afternoon. The remains were buried beside her late husband in the Riverview Cemetery.

The Methodist Mission held a Watch-night service Monday night, December 31st. The Epworth League Chapter gave a social at 8 o'clock, and kept a devotional hour at 10 o'clock. Then the pastor had charge of the Watch-night service.

The Pas-a-Pas Club and Chicago Division, No. 106, each held a Watch-night social and a dance at the club room and Spalding Hall, 5036 West Chicago Avenue, respectively, on the same date. The former had a pleasant evening in social conversation and games to watch the old year out and usher the New Year in. The latter passed a social time in dancing the Old Year out and New Year in.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Donnell, with one daughter, got up early in the morning in order to go down town and catch a train for Manhattan, Ill., to visit Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kestel on the latter's invitation to eat a goose dinner on New Year day, but they found no train is on the railroad, schedule on Sundays and holidays, so Mrs. O'Donnell and daughter took a chance to call on Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Brien nearby, while her husband was visiting other friends.

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## NEW YORK

News items for this column should be sent direct to the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL, Station M, New York.

A few words of information in a letter or postal card is sufficient. We will do the rest.

A New Year party remarkable for the number of out-of-town guests present was that given by Miss Sophie N. Boatwright, at her apartment in upper Washington Heights, last Monday evening. These included John A. Roach, as well-known in Gotham as he is in his own Philadelphia; Charles R. Dobbins, Gallaudet, '21, and Vito Dondego, of Trenton; George Hummel, of Bloomfield, N. J.; Mrs. Harry Carrington Dickerson, of Boston; Mrs. William C. Jaeger, of Huntington, W. Va.; (the former Hopie Ormsby) and Miss Elizabeth MacLeod, of Greenwich, Conn.; a newcomer in our midst and a decided acquisition at that, whose exhibitions of fancy dancing made a great hit.

Refreshments were served buffet style, and, as might have been expected, Miss Boatwright and Miss Alice M. Studebaker proved charming hostesses. Dancing and various games, both old and new, helped make the occasion enjoyable, and it was pretty late—or early—when the last guest departed, in fact the milkman had already made his first visit of the year when the writer reached his abode nearby.

Others present were Mrs. Katherine Menken, Mrs. Agnes C. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pierce Kane, Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Young, Scott Hutchins and Clyde Stuart.

It was more like springtime, when picnics are appropriate functions of the season to indulge in, so Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Peters decided to have a "Gala Watch-night Picnic" in their cozy home in Inwood, wherein some thirty guests participated. Living up to the function, everything which a picnic afforded was at the disposal of the indoor picnickers, from the games down to the eats, and the eats were consumed down on the ground, on comfy Navajo blankets. Each couple brought a home-made lunch box, and partners were exchanged to share their Mesdames' goodies. Even the old swimming hole was not to be denied, although Mr. S. Gross was the only one who was lucky enough to do a fancy dive off a kitchen chair on to the parquet in his winter bathing suit. The "picnic" kept up till three in the morn, so if there was enough space in the JOURNAL to permit the full narrative of the pleasant affair, the writer would be able to tell in a whole column what a treat Mr. and Mrs. Peters had for their guests. Prizes for games were awarded to Mrs. S. Kaminsky, Mrs. B. Peters, Mr. W. Bragg and Mr. H. Plapinger, and very pretty prizes they were. The biggest prize, in the form of a vote of thanks, was tendered Mr. Samuel Greenberg, the life of the party. His antics kept everyone imitating the trademark of Tilyou's Steeplechase Park. Besides the host and hostess, cavorting around in their cozy apartment, were Messrs. and Mesdames Sturtz, Greenberg, Plapinger, H. Peters, L. Weinberg, Lubin, H. Kurz, I. Solomon, M. Kaminsky, L. Fischer, S. Gross. Also Mrs. H. Schultz, H. Schulman, A. Walker, Messrs. Bragg and Gordon.

A meeting of St. Matthew's Lutheran Guild was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brooklyn last month, and the elected officers are: President, Albert Downs; Vice-President, Walter Weinsten; Secretary, John Nesgood; Treasurer, Miss K. Christgau; Due Collector, Oscar Rehling; Board of Trustees, E. Berg, H. Borgstrand and C. Peterson.

A large crowd of deaf-mutes attended a brilliant Santa Claus party, under the auspices of St. Matthew's Lutheran Guild for the Deaf. It was held at Immanuel Lutheran Parish Hall, 177 South 9th Street, Brooklyn, Saturday evening, December 29th, and was extremely successful.

Mr. B. Kindel, who was disguised as Santa Claus, gave toys to the children and a box of candy to those who attended.

The hall was beautifully decorated with a Christmas tree and bells hanging around the hall.

Various games were played and prizes were given to those who won.

A couple of Sundays ago the choir of St. Ann's Church for Deaf-Mutes, with the Vicar and his assistants, were taken by the Pathé Moving Picture Artists. The girl choir—five of them, in vestments—sang two or three hymns in concerted signs. A goodly congregation was in the church edifice at the time.

The powerful New Era Club basketball team of New York will have a hard fight on Saturday evening, January 19th, when the New Era tackle its traditional rival, Brownsville Silents, in a benefit game at the Commerce High School, 65th Street and Broadway, New York, at 8:30 p.m.

Good music will be furnished. One game will be played and 500 people will be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Miller went to Boston, Mass., the last week of December, to visit their daughter, Besie, and son-in-law. Max returned to the city after remaining for three days, as he has to attend to his duties at the Funk & Wagnalls Co., but Mrs. Miller is to linger a couple of weeks longer. The trip to the Hub seems to have done Max a world of good, for he looked fine when seen on Monday, December 31st.

Mr. Jacques Amiel, the French deaf-mute, who joined the Deaf-Mutes' Union League almost as soon after coming to New York, left for West Palm Beach, Fla., on Saturday, December 29th, to be the guest of his brother for a couple of months, or till business at his trade picks up some.

Mr. Emanuel Souweine spent the last week-end of 1928 in Boston, Mass., for a respite from his work. He attended the Frat Ball on the 29th of December, and altogether enjoyed his trip.

Mr. Wm. G. Jones spent the Christmas holidays in Atlanta, Ga., and reports a royal time and is loud in his praise of the wonderful Southern hospitality shown him.

Max Lubin has just recovered from a siege of influenza, which kept him indoors during the Christmas holidays.

## THE DEAF-MUTES' UNION LEAGUE CELEBRATES ITS 43D ANNIVERSARY

The Deaf-Mutes' Union League has added another notch to its existence.

It was founded on January 3d, 1886, and on Thursday, January 3d, 1929, had been in existence for forty-three years.

The celebration, however, took place on Saturday evening, January 5th, 1927, so that there would be a large number present.

It took place at the New York Turn Hall, Lexington Avenue and 85th Street.

As each member entered the hall, he was given an apron (or bib as the committee called it) and a paper cap, and ushered to his table.

When all had been seated, there was some delay in starting the celebration, which by the way was a Beef-steak Dinner. This was caused by the taking of the members in a group by the Empire Flashlight Co., Inc.

Nearly two hundred were present, and after the picture had been taken, the following menu was partaken by all:

KRAPE FRUIT AU KIRSH  
(overly sour)

KELERY KOLIVES KICKLES  
(fresh from the country)

JUICY BEEFSTEAK ON TOAST  
(ask for more)

HARF A SQUAB CHIKEN  
(purely)

ICE CREAM 'N KARE  
(only one for each member)

CANFEE  
(with granulated or lump sugar, ad libitum)

LIDS BEER XXX BISGS  
Lawls, but not least

REEP VAN WEELEN GEENGER AIL  
MINERAL WASSER

CHEROOTS SEEGAREETS

MUNDAY & KELLER—Presenting their screaming burlesque wrestling match.

Billie Bright—Presenting her famous "Hula" Dance.

Horton & LaTriska—Well-known human droll and clown.

Eddie Clarke—Great comedy juggler.

Saw & Gloria—Lady and gentleman dancing team.

Larry Grey—The screaming comedy magician.

Mary Gleason—Presenting her well known Oriental and Jazz Dancing.

John N. Funk—"Auld Lang Syne."

Andy Boyle—The Pianist.

The officers for 1928 are: Marcus L. Kenner, President; Benjamin Mintz, 1st Vice-President; Ludwig Fischer, 2d Vice-President; Nathan Schwartz, Secretary; Samuel Lowenthal, Treasurer; Samuel Frankenhein, Collector; Oscar Rehling; Board of Trustees, E. Berg, H. Borgstrand and C. Peterson.

The program was not followed in the order as printed, but all the numbers without exception were given, and as all were heartily applauded, therefore no hesitation in saying that it was a pleasing program:

"Let joy be unconfined,  
Throw cares to your favorite wynde.  
Lift your glaws to another year  
Of health, happiness and jolly good cheer."

The above quotation is to my thinking, the way almost every one acted and felt.

The hall was beautifully decorated with a Christmas tree and bells hanging around the hall.

Various games were played and prizes were given to those who won.

On Saturday evening, December 8th, Mrs. Lena Walk, who has been visiting Caroline Bister, received a phone call to immediately go up to her daughter's home in the West Bronx.

Upon her arrival there with Mrs. Bister, they were led, by the maid,

to the darkened living room, when the lights were suddenly put on;

and to her great surprise, the room was filled with all her relatives, who had been assembled by her son, Eli Galland, and daughter, Ruth Stern, to celebrate her 51st birthday.

After the shock had subsided and the tears dried, handsome and valuable gifts were brought on, the most touching of which was a gorgeous bouquet of roses from Arlyn Blossom Stern, Mrs. Walk's three and one half years old granddaughter. The most precious gift of all was promised by her daughter for delivery, some time in February, by old Mr. Stork.

Mr. Joseph Halpert, of Brooklyn, is at work in one of the largest dental laboratories of Greater New York, where he has been employed for over fifteen years.

Mr. Richard J. Drennan recovered from the "flu" which confined him to his home for some time.

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## BUFFALO

Anyone interested in the 1930 N. A. D. convention, and desiring information and free literature should write to Charles N. Snyder, Secretary-Publicity, 58 Harrison Ave., Lockport, N. Y.

### WHO IS WHO IN THE KICUWA CLUB

If, of a friend you are in need,  
Go to Agnes, she is one, indeed,  
When anything you would know,  
To Charlotte be sure to go.

Who will lighten your load?  
Why, of course, our Rose Ode.

When you are about to sink,  
Call for help from Jessie Zink.

Who is willing to assist?  
Why, of course, Estelle Smith.

If a joke you want to know,  
Catherine is the one to go.

Who is course through the door?  
It, of course, is our Eleanor.

With a smile upon her face,  
Metha Kinn will win the race.

Who is finely, full of fun?  
Mary Johncox, she's the one.

Who is generous—who is kind?  
Erma Carl, you'll find.

Who is peacemaker of our clan?  
Myrtle Haenszel, ain't she grand?

Now who wrote this, we want to know,  
Glady Goldstein, I told you so.

Now, let us shout, now let us sing,  
The Kicuwa is sure the thing.

The following jingling verses, and good ones, too, were sent in by Mrs. Gladys Goldstein (Gladys Grover) product of the Rochester School, and Secretary of the club.

The Kicuwa Club held its annual Christmas grab bag on December 19th, for its members. Each member donated a useful gift and by the simple process of drawing a number, each received a present, so everyone received something, which was to their liking.

There was a Christmas tree, to be sure, for the dear ladies do say there is a Santa Claus, and are not a bit backward in that avowal; said tree being appropriately loaded, and the room was beautifully decorated in colors appropriate to the season. But the piece de resistance of the whole affair was in the nature of a birthday party in honor of Miss Charlotte Schwagler, one of the most enthusiastic members.

Covers were laid for twelve, the centerpiece being a beautiful bouquet of American Beauty roses, which suffered by comparison with the deaf beauties arranged around the table. Those present were Mrs. William Haenszel, Miss Agnes Palmgren, Mrs. Albert Ode, Miss Metha Kinn, of Angola, N. Y.; Miss Eleanor Atwater, of Lockport, N. Y.; Mrs. Walter Carl, Miss Catherine Lehmann, Miss Charlotte Schwagler, Mrs. Henry Zink, Mrs. Gladys Goldstein. Several other members were unable to attend.

Miss Schwagler was presened by the club with a pair of gloves, and as luck would have it, they fitted perfectly to the fair Milady, which is an augur of another successful and prosperous year in store for Buffalo's most unique and interesting club, the Kicuwa.

It was a happy and properly hilarious crowd of about twenty-five that bade farewell to the old year and welcomed the new, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Ulrich at Niagara Falls, on New Year's Eve—an affair gotten up by the hostesses and Miss Iva Ford. Seldom was a more enjoyable affair given that was so thoroughly enjoyed. All saw to it that the new year was properly welcomed.

All day long the new year was properly welcomed. A dainty and appetizing repast was served, after which a variety of games were played, introducing quite a few wrinkles. A flashlight photo was taken.

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The usual games were run off and prizes awarded, and in the confusion incident upon such occasions it was impossible to secure the list of winners, but suffice it to say that all were pleased with their prizes.

Refreshments of various kinds were offered and the way they disappeared to satisfy the inner man was a caution, but, nevertheless, pleasing.

In the wee sma' hours, it was a happy crowd that wended its way home, satisfied that they did a thoroughly good job, even if premature, in that they didn't in reality see the old year go out and welcome the new year in, but, at least, they were there in spirit.

Edgar Bloom, of New York, was the guest one day last month, of Sol D. Weil, returning home enroute from the west in the interest of a New York jewelry firm.

A fateful day in October, while waiting at street intersection for the signals to change, Norman Gorenflo experienced the novelty of having his car bumped into from the rear by a trolley car. Are we deaf have been warned to stay off the tracks, now we opine it is up to us to keep our cars off the tracks, we got no rights there nōhōw. Anyway Mr. Gorenflo is contemplating suit to recover extensive damages to his car.

Father Gilmore, chaplain at St. Mary's school, has issued invitations to all the deaf of Buffalo and environs to meet at the school on January 13th. The deaf of Buffalo are fortunate in having such a good friend in Father Gilmore, who is a fluent signmaker, and always has their interests at heart, and his latest gesture is but an indication in this direction. And it is proper that a large attendance be on hand to lend encouragement in an undertaking that will mean something good and profitable in our everyday life.

Nathan, the son of our Mr. Stein, who has been a salesman in the west for some time, has returned home for good and is in the printing business with a Mr. Russell.

Mr. Lipsett is president of the organization, with George Jones, vice-president, and J. V. Donohue, secretary and treasurer.—*Evening Public Ledger*.

He has been in close contact with them and, having the power of speech, has acted many times as an interpreter.

Being an ardent bowler himself, it was only natural that he should interest many mutes in the sport.

Mr. Lipsett and his friends engaged in exhibition tilts until he conceived the idea of the league.

When invitations were extended to prospective members, more than fifty mutes responded.

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At the close of the first half the bowlers sprung a neat surprise upon President Joseph E. Lipsett, hearing son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Lipsett, in the presence of both his wife and his parents, by presenting him a bowling ball in a carrying case in appreciation of his clever and diplomatic service to the League.

#### TEACHING THE DEAF TO READ

Books are as essential in the education of the deaf as the hearing, and yet it is an up-hill task to teach the deaf to read. By this, I mean to read with intelligence and understanding. Many children will read by the hour, not grasping a thing they are reading, but doing it, I suppose, from a sense of duty.

Many books that are written for little hearing children are way beyond them. Not long ago a most severe criticism came out in one of our daily papers on some books for children that had just been published; the writer saying that the language used in them was suitable only for grown people.

It may be that the present generation of children, in the minds of the authors, are more precocious than the children of days gone by, or, perhaps, the advancement of the age has affected the child's mind, for the language of the books of the present day is most certainly hard for any child.

But the hearing child has the advantage of the deaf child, in that his mind has been prepared for the books he is to read long before he is able even to learn print. At his mother's knee he hears the tales of fairy lore, thrilling Indian stories, and the legends of the birds and animals. As he hears these things, his mind expands and the knowledge gained is laid up for future use, so that when he is able to read he has enough language stored up to help him understand.

But the little deaf child has no one to lighten his pathway, no one to lift the veil of ignorance and let the light of knowledge shine upon his darkened understanding, until he comes to school and his progress then is of necessity slow.

In the earliest stage of the little child's life he is given pictures to look at; why not treat the little deaf child the same way? The same principle that works with a hearing child could surely be applied to a normal deaf child with good results. Working on this principle I have taught my pupils to read and to read with understanding. The majority of them enjoy the privilege thoroughly.

The book is passed around the class and from that time on the "Primers" are in demand. Some of the pictures have the written name under them. Of course, the printed words are Greek to the pupils until later on.

As the child's vocabulary increases and as things around him become more interesting, books with brightly colored pictures of birds, animals, etc., delight his very soul, and like his little hearing brother a few years younger, the love of pictures has become one of the joys of his daily life.

These do not take the place of school work, but are a reward of merit for a lesson well done, and the pupils work hard for them.

As the years go on, both the pictures and books can be changed to suit the knowledge of the child.

In the fourth and fifth grades my desk has on it the latest copies of "Primary Plans," the "Geography Magazine," simple books, and the picture sections of some of our best daily papers. The latter have proved quite useful.

Filled with photographs of prominent men, the fleet, President Wilson's trip abroad, and other things of equal interest, they have been a great help.

The pictures brought forth many questions and opened the way for imparting much knowledge on matters in which the whole world was interested.

As many of the class had brothers or relatives in the war, they wanted to know all about it, and the pictures helped wonderfully.

One thing leads to another, and so their minds once aroused, they seek to gain knowledge, even as we who have all our faculties.

In looking over the magazines they soon learn that if they wish to know what the pictures are about they must read what is printed underneath. Several years ago I had in my class an unusually bright boy who absorbed everything that came his way. Having a retentive brain, everything he grasped he made his own. One day we had a very dry geography lesson on Australia. In order to make the lesson interesting, I had told the pupils a number of little incidents about the place in order to help them retain it in memory and succeed in getting them quite interested. When the lesson was over I asked if any of them knew anything more about Australia. This boy held up his hand and said, "They catch kangaroos in Australia and train them," and then he went on to tell more. I asked him where he learned that. He said, "I read it in the Geography Magazine," and getting up he brought me a copy of the Geography on "Lonely Australia."

What one child grasps is usually imparted to the others; so Australia was never forgotten.

Whenever a deaf person distinguishes himself or achieves greatness in any way, the children are told about him, particular stress being laid upon the fact that in spite of his affliction that man has risen to the top, and by dint of hard work and perseverance they too may do the same.—N. M. Taylor in Annals.

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#### SOME FAMOUS BRIDGES

The first bridge was the work of one of the arachnid insects, which is also a very skillful engineer. These bridges, for their weight, excel in strength anything that is at present made by man, but that is not all, they excel in the ability to spin cables of all kinds for the elements. For instance, a multitubular or vertical webbed cable, and so on indefinitely. Then, again, spiders are experts in gliding through the air surrounded by their gossamer webs like a dandelion seed. They sometimes journey several miles.

Caesar's bridge was purely for military purposes. It was built on the filing-cabinet unit system. It was made mostly of wood and resembled a woven fabric. The engineer obtained his river width by bringing his helmet down to his eye so that his helmet point and the opposite shore were in line; then, keeping that position of the body, he about faced and noted where his line struck the ground: then measuring from that point to his position he got the river's width within less than a bridge unit. Caesar's bridge acted as decoys at times, for the enemy, believing he would cross there surrounded the bridge-head with an ambuscade and when they woke up, Caesar had moved his army in their rear.

The Galata Bridge connects Europe and Asia at Constantinople. No traffic regulations exist. The people walk in all directions all over the bridge, in the roadways and on the sidewalks.

Fujiyama, or, in Japanese, Fuji-san, is the sacred mountain of Japan. Japanese history says in B.C. 285 it rose from the earth to the height of 12,399 feet in a single night, standing alone in a landscape of uncommon beauty. For many years it was the only perfect cone in existence, but one of our naval officers discovered we had in Alaska a conic volcano much larger and more perfect and with a sharper point. Fujiyama is sixty miles from Tokyo and easy of access.

London Bridge has a place in everyone's mind and it never fell down. The old one had to be finally mired to get the remains out of the way. It was but 337 feet in length, while the present bridge is twice as long. There were narrow and low arches, the widest was thirty-three feet and the narrowest ten feet.

Natural bridge of Virginia. This is sixteen miles from Lexington, Va. Its arch is 215 feet high, with a crown forty feet thick, and its span is one hundred feet across. The public roadway that crosses it is 255 feet above the stream.

Rialto Bridge of Venice. This was built of white marble in 1590 at a cost of one-half million dollars.

Its span is ninety feet and the arch is twenty-four feet high. It has two rows of shops, dividing the bridge road into three narrow parallel streets. Shakespeare mentioned his bridge in "The Merchant of Venice" as the city's exchange in the daytime and at night the center of romance and music. The gondolas as in those days were so gaudy in color and so expensively fitted out that an edict was issued by the Doges that thereafter they must all be painted black.

Bamboo bridge of Weihow. This is situated sixty miles east of Canton in Kwangtung. This structure is noted for its strength, graceful proportions and delicate balance. If you were to tiptoe across it in your stocking feet with the greatest care it would vibrate like a piano chord. Bamboo is used for all things Chinese: bamboo sprouts are fine eating; bamboo canons do good shooting; bamboo houses are fine to live in, and a bamboo umbrella will protect you from the broiling sun. Bamboo sails take six to eight hours to hoist on a Chinese junk, but once up it is only a swift boat that can catch a junk.

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